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Title: In-Situ Treatment Of Low-K Films With A Silylating Agent After Exposure To Oxidizing Environments

Assignee: Novellus Systems, Inc.

San Francisco, California  
January 8, 2003

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2002, such extension allowing the undersigned until January 25, 2003 to respond.

Please charge the amount of \$110.00 against Deposit Account 19-2386 as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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